

Interrupting Modifier

A modifier can be a single word, phrase, or clause and can appear anywhere in a sentence. In this sentence pattern, the modifier appears in the **middle of the sentence** between the subject and verb. This modifier can be set off by either commas, dashes, or parentheses.

S, + modifier, + verb.
S— + modifier— + verb.
S + (modifier) + verb.

Examples:

- His anger and sadness, tangled together and inseparable, were always close to the surface when speaking to his father.
- Bright flashes of light—blinding and terrifying—filled the room.
- Her bright brown eyes (the only physical reminder that she was her mother's daughter) dulled as she tried and failed to recall the sound of her dead mother's voice.

Directions: Using this sentence form, write sentences on the following topics. Practice using all three types of punctuation (commas, dashes, parentheses).

1. Fast Food:

2. Nature:

3. Current Event:

4. Your Senior Exhibition Topic: